

(v) Other reasons the debarring official deems appropriate.

(3) A request for reconsideration of a suspension which was based a conviction, civil judgment, or sanction that has been reversed may be filed at any time.

(4) Requests for reconsideration based on other grounds may only be filed during the period commencing 60 days after the debarring official's decision imposing the debarment or suspension. Only one such request may be filed in any twelve month period.

(5) The debarring official's decision on a request for reconsideration is subject to the appeal procedure set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

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§ 1642.1 Purpose.

This part is designed to insure that recipients or employees of recipients do not claim, or collect and retain attorneys' fees available under any Federal or State law permitting or requiring the awarding of attorneys' fees.

§ 1642.2 Definitions.

(a) *Attorneys' fees* means an award to compensate an attorney of the prevailing party made pursuant to common law or Federal or State law permitting or requiring the awarding of such fees or a payment to an attorney from a client's retroactive statutory benefits.

(b) *Attorneys' fees* do not include the following:

(1) Payments made to a recipient or an employee of a recipient for a case in

which a court appoints the recipient employee to provide representation pursuant to a statute or court rule or practice equally applicable to all attorneys in the jurisdiction, and in which the recipient or employee receives compensation under the same terms and conditions as are applied generally to attorneys practicing in the court in which the appointment is made;

(2) Payments made to a recipient or an employee of a recipient pursuant to a grant, contract or other agreement by a governmental agency or other third party for representation of clients;

(3) Payments received as a result of sanctions imposed by a court for violations of court rules or practices, or statutes relating to court practice, including Rule 11 or discovery rules of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or similar State court rules or practices, or statutes; and

(4) Reimbursement of costs and expenses from an opposing party or from a client pursuant to § 1642.6.

(c) An *award* is an order by a court or an administrative agency that the unsuccessful party pay the attorneys' fees of the prevailing party or an order by a court or administrative agency approving a settlement agreement of the parties which provides for payment of attorneys' fees by an adversarial party.

(d) To *claim* attorneys' fees means to include a request for attorneys' fees in any pleading.

§ 1642.3 Prohibition.

Except as permitted by § 1642.4, no recipient or employee of a recipient may claim, or collect and retain attorneys' fees in any case undertaken on behalf of a client of the recipient.

§ 1642.4 Applicability of restriction on attorneys' fees.

(a) The prohibition contained in § 1642.3 shall not apply to cases filed prior to April 26, 1996, except that the prohibition shall apply to any additional related claim for the client made in such a case on or subsequent to April 26, 1996.

(b) Except as permitted in paragraph (a) of this section, the prohibition contained in § 1642.3 shall apply to any case undertaken by a private attorney on